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Title/Subject: Brief memo on a ~~pro~~ prospect
investigation

Notes: Investigation found no likely prospects;
prospect referred to as the Lakin property

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SUBJECT: Lakin Group.

Lander Co., Nevada.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER D.D. Muir, Jr. to N.W. Rice Date Sept. 2, 1931

"The Lakin property examination, which Paddison made south of Beowawe, Nevada, proved to be a failure. There was a wide distribution of gold, but the values were not sufficiently high to be attractive, and even these decrease at shallow depths."

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UNITED STATES SMELTING REFINING AND MINING COMPANY

OFFICE OF

DOWNIE D. MUIR, JR., - VICE PRES. & GEN'L MGR.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Lakin Group
Lander Co. Nevada

August 18, 1931

Mr. N. W. Rice, Vice President,
United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co.,
P. O. Box 385,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I left here Saturday by plane, stopping at Elko, Nevada and driving from there to Beowawe and south to the Lakin property, a gold prospect which on preliminary sampling indicated a wide distribution of low-grade values, sufficiently attractive so that option was taken and a more thorough examination under Paddison immediately started. Walker and Hamilton drove over the previous day, so that we all had the opportunity of a thorough inspection all day Sunday.

I am sorry to say that my impression of the property - and I believe Hamilton and Walker agree with me - was not of the best. It looks to me as though the formation is limestone, crushed and considerably altered, with later silicification at or near the surface. There is a general distribution of low-grade gold values, probably brought up through small stringers or veins. This results in the disappearance of gold values at any material depth and I think the stringers at greater depth will prove too small to be worked profitably under the conditions existing at the location of the property. It is thirty miles from the railroad and ten miles from the nearest water.

Paddison is continuing with the examination until we get the first series of trench samples from the surface in the areas showing the highest grade values, and if not attractive, examination will be discontinued and option surrendered.

Yours very truly,

D. D. Muir

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